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Garnishee Action Against Defaulting Ratepayers

At Tuesday's Council meeting, Cr. S. McIntosh moved that Court Orders be obtained against persons who had not replied to *the final demand for payment* of rates.

He also moved that Garnishee Action be taken against persons who had been served with Court Orders in 1960 and had not yet paid their rates. Seconded by Cr. den Dulk, the motion was carried. (Garnishee Action means that in effect a defaulter's wages can be arrested.)

Cr. McIntosh expressed concern at the number of people who had not paid rates over a number of years. In some caases no rates had been paid for as long as 11 years.

Some people complained about living in un-made streets, and yet several of these complaintants were among the defaulters. How can these people expect the Council to carry out works if they do not pay their share? asked Cr. McIntosh.

BACK IN BUSINESS

Mr. Alec McLean, well-known Altona businessman, has taken over his old fuel and fodder business, formerly owned by the Metropolitan Fuel.

Protest Meeting on Land Annexation

Motion to Seek Legal Advice on Minister's Decree

A Protest Meeting called by the Altona, Altona North and Altona East branches of the A.L.P. was held in the Life Savers Hall on Friday, July 6th, and was very well attended. Opening the meeting, the chairman, Mr. Doug Ramsey, President of the Altona branch of the A.L.P., said the purpose of the meeting was to put the case of the Altona Shire Council against the recent annexation of land to Williamstown before the ratepayers.

He then introduced the first speaker, Cr. den Dulk, who said he felt honoured to be asked by the committee to address the meeting. Outlining events leading up to the annexation, Cr. den Dulk said Williamstown first made the application for annexation of this area nearly 2½ years ago. Williamstown Council stated its case at a meeting in Williamstown Town Hall and he remembered the occasion well as it was the first function as a Shire Councillor at which he had been asked to make a statement. The Williamstown Councillors themselves could not make up their minds as to what they wanted the land for. One said it could be developed as a residential area. It would appear that the only reason Williamstown wanted the area was to get the rates from it, which at the moment were over £4,000. When the area was fully developed this amount would be considerably more. Williamstown had made several efforts to get the Rifle Range so that it could be developed for residential purposes but had not been successful.

This was not the first time parts of Altona had been threatened with annexation. When Altona was a Riding of Werribee Shire it was offered to Williamstown but was turned down, partly because the political situation would be upset and partly because of the "headaches" of drainage, etc. Later on an attempt was made to annex the area including the Refinery. This almost succeeded and only a timely protest meeting and petition prevented it.

The Minister for Local Government, Mr. M. Porter, had given as one of his reasons for granting the annexation, that Williamstown was more developed than Altona and would have a better chance of developing this area quickly. Cr. den Dulk said that as the land was privately owned, neither Altona nor Williamstown could force the landowners to build before they wished to. Although Altona was a very young municipality compared to Williamstown, one had only to look at the difference on either side of the boundary in Kororoit Creek Rd. to see which was most progressive.

When Altona broke away from Werribee it was done in the correct manner. Petitions were signed and placed before the Minister and resulted in Altona becoming a Shire. In this case not one person had been asked whether he or she wished to transfer to Williamstown or not. Altona's revenue was now much greater than Williamstown's, and Cr. den Dulk thought an effort had been made to even things up a little at Altona's expense.

Referring to the ferry which had stopped running owing to major repairs being necessary and Williamstown stating they could not find the £50,000 required as they were broke, Cr. den Dulk asked if the promise of a part of Altona plus the loan of the money had been used as an inducement to keep the ferry going until the proposed tunnel or bridge was constructed.

He felt this would not be Williamstown's last attempt to bite into Altona and he appealed to the ratepayers to give the Council every support in its fight to preserve the Shire.

Cr. Bond was the next speaker and he said he felt very annoyed when he heard that the annexation had been published in the Government Gazette as this was the first he knew about it.

He had attended the meeting 2½ years ago with Crs. den Dulk and Cresser and had felt that Williamstown's case was very weak. One reason put forward was that Williamstown Town Hall was nearer to the area than Altona Shire Offices. The new Altona Municipal Centre would be about half a mile nearer to the area than Williamstown Town Hall.

Regarding the control of smells, of which Williamstown complained, Cr. Bond said the Council had obtained orders to control nuisances from firms. Williamstown had said they required more land for residential purposes but this area was suitable only for Industrial development as it was swampy. He himself had lived in Williamstown for many years but had no desire to return. The Council had spent about £25,000 in the area as part of the planning scheme for the Shire and very little of this could be claimed back as compensation.

Councils had been asked by the government to define boundaries in as straight a line as possible, but this annexation, approved by the government, had put a decided bulge in the existing boundary line.

Altona Shire was approximately 16 sq. miles in area and some people were under the impression that if Altona wished to become a City the area would have to be reduced to 9 sq. miles. This was a fallacy. "If the Minister said it was O.K. for Altona to become a City with an area of 16 sq. miles then it was O.K.," said Cr. Bond. He appealed to the ratepayers to protest strongly against this or any other attempt at annexation.

Councillor Reiterates Statement on Larceny

Cr. Lee said the calling of the protest meeting was fully justified and he was very pleased to see it. The ratepayers must know what had been done and what could be done in the future.

He said the Press had given publicity to his statement that the annexation was "Larceny with Ministerial approval" and of the back door methods used. He felt the statement was fully justified as the annexation had been carried out without the consent of the ratepayers concerned. Altona had fought for independence and it was something that must not be lost. If no objections were raised he saw no reason why further annexations would not take place. The next one could be the residential area west of the recent annexation and if the same methods were used, the people could wake up one morning and find they were living in Williamstown instead of Altona.

The next objective would be the refinery. Williamstown had already said that Altona gets the rates from there while Williamstown got the smells. Williamstown could offer a reduction in rates as an inducement and Altona would be powerless, if the same methods were allowed to carry on.

A request from Altona Council to Williamstown to receive a deputation to discuss the annexation had not been accepted. This was a great disappointment, as Altona Council had never denied the right to anyone to air a grievance.

The people must stand behind the Council as they are the ones to really show that interference in their affairs would not be tolerated. It was the people who had the right to determine to which municipality they belonged.

Cr. Cresser said the previous speakers had covered the case

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NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

A naturalization ceremony will be held in the Lifesaver's hall on Monday, July 30, when 24 New Citizens will swear allegiance to the Queen.

Poison Laid Around Cherry Swamp

COUNCILLORS EXPRESS CONCERN AT ACTION

At Tuesday's Council meeting several councillors expressed concern at the laying of poison on land around Cherry Swamp. This area was recently acquired by the Board of Works and notices were erected, prohibiting the dumping of rubbish. Cr. McIntosh said that about three days after publicity had been given to the poisoning of dogs in the Seaholme area, other notices had been erected stating that poison was laid on the land.

Cr. Ginifer said that when it became known that the Board of Works had acquired the area the Council had expressed a desire to develop the surroundings as botanical gardens, picnic spot, and otherwise beautify the area so that it would be an attraction. "Is it completely necessary to exclude people from the area and lay poison?" asked Cr. Ginifer. Many people exercise their dogs over this land, or went for walks, while several bird-watchers found interest there. He felt the Board should be asked if this action was necessary.

Cr. Bond said he was very surprized at the action and would like to know on whose authority the poison was laid.

Cr. McIntosh said the warning notices had only been erected after publicity had been given to the poisoning of dogs in the Seaholme area. He felt that any laying of poison should be notified in the press beforehand. The land at the back of his house was littered with dead dogs and cats and he felt sure that many had picked up the poison from the Cherry Swamp area.

Cr. Bond said he would like to raise the matter at the next meeting of the Municipal Association. He felt that, under the Poisons Act, any person laying poison should be compelled to give notice in the press.

Cr. Ginifer said he would like the Board of Works to be asked if the land had been leased to a tenant. He felt it should be kept as an open space. Seconding Cr. Ginifer, Cr. Bond said it was a crying shame that the action had been taken.

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ALTONA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Altona Juniors defeated the Young Chinese League last Sunday at Grant Reserve in a social game.

In a very good game, well umpired by Ted Phillips, Altona struck the real form they showed last year when premiers.

FINAL SCORES.

Altona, 7 goals 6 behinds 48 points, defeated the Young Chinese League, 7 goals 4 behinds 46 points.

Best Players: Blackie, Munro, Harrington, Richardson, Wenlock and Bannister.

There will be a social meeting next Tuesday at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. E. Heyme, 1 Seaview Crescent.

Parents are invited to the general meeting to be held at Marion's Hall on Monday, July 23 at 8.00 p.m.

The special effort was won by Bill Rose, Seaview Crescent.

Second prize: Blue A 49 (unclaimed).

Junior Circle winner: No. 32.

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TABLE TENNIS NOTES

Joint A Grade leaders, Maidstone and Kingsville, both recorded narrow 6-5 wins against Williamstown and Altona respectively. The notable feature of both matches was that the doubles strength of the leaders was responsible for their victory.

Colts retained their position in the four with an easy 10-1 win, whilst Footscray proved much too good for Seagulls.

Williamstown, who must win this week's main match against Colts to remain in the fight for this season's pennant, may avenge their narrow 6-5 defeat in the first round.

Altona, Kingsville and Maidstone should have little trouble in winning this week.

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KOORINGAL GOLF

The result of this months' Monthly Medal ended in a tie between R. Jacobson (6), T. Calvert (17) and R. Liddle (19). The play-off will be held on Saturday and the losers will receive grade trophies.

Sundays' Bogey competition was won by R. Caithness, 1 down.

Once again the Mixed Foursomes event proved very popular and attracted quite a large entry.

Results are as follows:

Best Net: A. J. Miles and Mrs. Fox, Net 65.

Best 1st. Nine: N. and Mrs. Hudson, Net 30¾.

Putting Contest: R. and Mrs. Jacobson.

Next week is the first round of the Junior Championship.

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NEAR COLLISION AT INTERSECTION

Vincent Peter Hodgson, of 87 Mason Street, Newport, was this week charged at Williamstown Court that on March 28 in Millers Road, Altona, when about to make a right hand turn at an intersection, did fail to yield right of way to another vehicle approaching the opposite direction.

He was also charged with failing to give the appropriate signal when about to turn right.

Constable F. Harrison, of the Mobile Traffic Section told the Court that at 6.40 p.m. on March 28, he was travelling north in Millers Road, and saw Hodgson's car travelling south. At the intersection of Duke Street defendant pulled in and made a right hand turn west without giving any signal. He braked but his motor cycle brushed the car. Hodgson told him he did not see the motor bike coming.

Hodgson was fined £5 in each case.

W.F.L. RESULTS

SENIORS

The Werribee Football League regained the "A. F. Mason" Trophy when they defeated the Bacchus Marsh Football League in a crowd-pleasing game at the Maddingley Oval, Bacchus Marsh.

Scores quarter by quarter:

	Werribee			B. Marsh		
1st. Qr.	2	6	18	2	4	16
2nd. Qr.	2	12	42	8	9	57
3rd. Qr.	11	21	87	11	16	82
FINAL	15	27	117	16	19	115

Goalkickers: Werribee: Comben 3, Smith 3, Devereaux 2, Bryans 2, Steinbergs 2, Wakefield, Evans, and Piovesan, 1 each.

Best Players: Werribee: Davies, Bryans, Wakefield, Turner, Evans Comben and Devereaux.

JUNIORS

The Werribee Football League had a comfortable win in the curtain-raiser; scores being:

Werribee, 15 goals 12 behinds 102 points, defeated Bacchus Marsh, 6 goals 6 behinds 42 pts.

Goalkickers: Werribee: Dalrymple 4, Zamykal 3, Edwards 2, Liangos 2, Sheahan, Martini, Hill and Munyard 1 each.

Best Players: Werribee: Liangos, Brotto, Edwards, Zamykal, Sheahan and Munyard.

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National Fitness Centre for Altona

The Shire President, Cr. R. J. Cooper, J.P., extended a welcome to Miss Lomax, organiser for the National Fitness Council, who attended Tuesday's Council Meeting to outline the plans for the establishment of a Centre in Altona.

Addressing the Council, Miss Lomax said she had visited Altona for the first time last week and was most impressed with what she saw. She congratulated the Council for supporting the efforts made to conduct a National Fitness Centre.

She said the NFC was a semi-Government body assisted by Commonwealth and State Government funds.

It was started after the last war to help organise recreation for children during the last three weeks of January each year.

Full time organisations were invited to assist during this period. She estimated that a staff of four or five would be required and would be found by the NFC.

Altona Council would provide equipment and be responsible for storing it until next year. While the NFC ran it's own publicity campaign, each municipality was expected to assist in this field.

The age group catered for was from five years to 15 or 16, but it was found that most children who attended these centres were between the ages of 9 and 13. A wide range of activities was covered including hobbies, swimming, various sports and field days. There had been many requests for swimming instruction from some areas and the NFC had provided this in conjunction with the Herald Learn to Swim Campaign.

Cr. Bond asked if the Government helped in setting up such Centres and Miss Lomax said the NFC paid the full cost of the first year. In the second year it paid two-thirds and Altona would pay one-third. In the third year the NFC would pay one-third and Altona two-thirds. The fourth year and onwards Altona would pay the full cost. Altona would be responsible for providing equipment and suitable premises. Miss Lomax estimated the cost for a full year at between £250-£260.

In answer to Cr. Ginifer, Miss Lomax said she thought either of the Youth Centres would be suitable for about 150 children.

Other smaller halls in the Shire could possibly be used for a library, craftwork etc.

Cr. Hearn asked the type of equipment which would most likely be required. Miss Lomax replied that experience had shown that softball, cricket, football basketball and various craft equipment were the most used. She said it was quite possible that much of the equipment could be donated from various sources.

In a certain extent the work done by the NFC was subsidiary to the work done by Youth Centres, but only during the last three weeks of January. It was felt that during this period many children found it difficult to provide themselves with ways of occupying their time. Youth Club leaders who were available would be welcomed to assist.

Cr. den Dulk asked if it would be feasible to establish two Centres at the Youth Hallt.

The Shire Secretary (Mr. J. W. Waters) said that a survey was being carried out at the schools at the moment to find out how many students would wish to attend and at which Youth Hall. He suggested that any decision should await the result of the survey. There were approximately 2,400 children of school age in the Shire and it was possible both Youth Halls would be needed.

Miss Lomax said some children carried on right through the period but many only attended on occasions.

Cr. Cooper thanked Miss Lomax for attending the meeting and promised Council support.

At a Council meeting in May it was decided to set aside £300 in this year's Estimates for the purchase of equipment.

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HOCKEY NEWS
(BY CENTRE)

A Reserve had a well deserved win over Camberwell on the Cinder Ground at Matlock Park.

Playing a fast, long game, Altona looked dangerous, but were not finishing off in the circle. Good attacking play by Bill Smith gave Altona the lead at half time.

In the second half Camberwell fought back to even the scores and only fine defensive play by McCauley kept Altona in the game. Dennis Bartlett scored the winning goal for Altona in the last few minutes of play.

Altona now has a good chance of making the final four.

Goal Scorers: Bill Smith and Dennis Bartlett.

Best Players: Eric McCauley, Bill Smith and Norm Hunter.

B Grade gave Essendon a hockey lesson to the tune of 7.0. This shows that a few positional changes forced by promotion of players to the A Team have only helped to strengthen Ian Grant's team and their next encounter with the zone leaders should be well worth seeing.

Goal Scorers: Keith Smith 4, Roy Turner 2, and Alan Bailie 1.

Best Players: Alan Bailie, Bill Davis, Roy Turner and Barry Smith.

C Grade after leading early in the game were soundly defeated by Fairfield.

Under 15 gave another fine display against Fairfield who are second on the ladder. Altona missed several chances for goal early and should have been clear leaders at half time.

In the second half both teams lifted their game and Altona had the chance to score from a penalty push by Ford, but the Fairfield defence saved. With three minutes to play, Fairfield netted from a scramble to take the game.

Best Players: Peter Hunter, I. Neale, Brian Gardner and Terry Woodcock.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

A Reserve v Essendon at Altona at 3.30 p.m.

B Grade v Strathmore at Elsternwick at 3.30 p.m., (No. 4 Ground).

C Grade v Strathmore at Elsternwick at 1.45 p.m., (No. 4 Ground).

LADIES' HOCKEY

D Grade were held to a draw by Essendon after a close game where both defence lines were outstanding. Essendon netted from a corner and looked to have the game safe, but Altona fought back and from a penalty corner Audrey Mattinson netted to save the game on the bell.

Best Players: A. Mattinson and M. Smith.

E Grade were unable to field a full team against Footscray, but did very well to make a game of it. More players are needed for this team and any one interested are welcome.

ALTONA HOCKEY CARNIVAL

Acceptances for the Under 15 Lightning Premiership to be held this Sunday on Grant Reserve, have been received from all leading teams in the three Victorian Zones.

Some years ago Altona were instrumental in staging a Carnival for senior teams in Altona. It was eventually taken over by the Victorian Amateur Hockey Association as the local club did not have the facilities to cope with the number of teams that eventually patronised the Carnival.

Sixteen teams will be competing in the Under 15 Carnival.

With The Schools

ALTONA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Altona, 9.8.62 defeated Seaholme, 4.5.29; Altona playing their best football for the year, and going for the ball with great determination, defeated a strong Seaholme team last Thursday.

Altona made full use of the wind in the first quarter, then with good defensive play in the second, led by three goals at half time.

Six goals behind at 3-quarter time, Seaholme quickly added two goals before Altona realised that the situation was dangerous. For the remainder of the quarter both sides went in hard, determined to win.

Best: Page, Ford, Deiner.

Goals: Ford 3, Beagley, Hunter 2, Cahill, Page 1 each.

Altona also won the seconds match.

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ALTONA HIGH SCHOOL PARENT-TEACHER NIGHT

A parent-teacher night will be held at the Altona High School on Friday, July 20 from 7.30 to 9.30.

All parents are invited to attend the school to discuss with the subject teacher the progress and attitude of individual pupils during the first six months of the year.

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SCOUT & CUB NEWS

SENIOR SCOUTS

Altona Senior Scouts took part in a wonderful and successful "Adventure Week-End."

The two boys eligible to enter for the Venturers Badge were successful in making the grade. Congratulations go to Roger Curruthers and Robert Waters, from the Scouters and Group Committee. To the rest of the boys who went along for the experience and the fun, thank you. It was a splendid effort in teamwork and a credit to leader Carl Boyle, who, we hear, is wearing a large-sized grin these days.

Tests passed by 1st Altona Scouts: 3rd Year Star, Stewart Colvin; 2nd Year Star, John Fairway, Peter Tyrell.

Cub News:

Our Scouters, Kim (Denise Hill) completed her Preliminary Training Course, and Barloo (Leigh Hardinge) his Cub Instructors Badge.

The best wishes of all interested in Scouting goes to these young people who are giving so much of their time to help train our youth.

Our Committee:

The Group Committee wish to thank all those wonderful people who so willingly gave us so many bottles. Owing to illness, one of our "Bottlees" was unable to help. We hope you are soon well again, Ron. Anyone who was not called upon last Sunday: Will you please save your empties until next month. Also many thanks to the men who repaired the roof on the Scout Hall. Altogether the Scouts and Committee had a most successful week-end.

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A NEW SCOUT GROUP

A meeting of parents and interested people will be held at the North Altona Youth Hall, Marion Street, on Monday, July 16, to discuss the foundation of a Scout Group in the area.

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LIFE SAVING CLUB NEWS

GOLDEN CIRCLE

Winners this week were:
1st: Mrs. G. Heath, No. 168.
2nd: Mr. D. Purcell, No. 136.
3rd: Mr. A. Henshall, No. 27.

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SENIORS

The first two innings saw both sides play good baseball. West broke away to 3-0 lead in the third innings.

With Tony Michael pitching well, the Seniors held Buckley Park scoreless until the fifth innings when they scored one run.

A batting rally in the sixth and seventh innings brought five more runs to West Newport to win 8-3.

INNINGS SCORES

Buckley Park	000,010,110—3.
West Newport	003,002,300—8.

Safe Hits: Kevin Michael 3, M. Erskine 2, Jim Michael, Alec Parker, Bob Sutton, J. Woodsell and B. Miller 1 each.

Best Players: Kevin Michael, Alec Parker, Mick Erskine and J. Woodsell.

SATURDAY'S GAMES

The Seniors play away to East at 2.45 p.m.

The Juniors will receive a walk-over from Coburg who are unable to field a side. Under the rules of baseball the game is awarded to West Newport 9-0.

JUNIORS

Playing as a team the Juniors soundly defeated East Brunswick 11-0.

J. Brown pitched extremely well to John Maher and gave only one walk and one safe hit.

Highlights of the game were the two home runs hit, one by John Maher, his seventh so far this season, and the other by J. Armstrong, his first.

John is now attending practice for the Under '16 Victorian side to go to Sydney in August.

Safe Hits: A. Duggan, T. Forrestor, J. Maher, A. White and J. Armstrong, 1 each.

Best Players: J. Maher, J. Armstrong and J. Brown.

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Spotswood d. Altona.
Kingsville d. Sunshine Heights.
St. Albans d. Braybrook.
West Footscray d. Sunshine
Williamstown d. Yarraville.
Newport d. Footscray.
Werribee had the bye.

BASKETBALL

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Spotswood d. Altona.
Kingsville d. Sunshine Heights.
Braybrook d. St. Albans.
West Footscray d. Sunshine
Williamstown d. Yarraville.
Footscray d. Newport.
Werribee had the bye.

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EVICTION ORDER

A warrant of ejection to be executed within 30 days was granted to the War Service Homes against Lyle Vincent McDonald and Elvie Eileen McDonald, of 9 Edwards Street, Street, Brooklyn.

They owed arrears of £64/16/10 approximately six months instalments. An order was also given for £11 costs.

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Fined £7

FAILED TO YIELD RIGHT OF WAY

At Williamstown Court last week Mr. P. J. O'Connor, S.M., fined Thomas Charles Rodgers, of Percy Street, St. Albans, £7 for failing to yield right of way when driving on to Kororoit Creek Road.

Mrs. Ellen Cummings, cook, of Sixth Avenue, North Altona, said that on February 6, 1962, she was driving along Kororoit Creek Rd. and as she neared the refinery a car came out in front of her, making a right hand turn, and gave no warning at all.

Constable Will said Rodgers told him he dropped a mate at the Refinery and drove into a lane and was making a turn onto the road when a car hit him. It was just near the railway crossing.

When asked why he was pulling out when it was unsafe to do so, defendant said he thought he had plenty of time before the car reached him.

Making Meals Enjoyable

Whenever you are preparing food for the family there are a few rules you can follow to make your meals enjoyable.

Color. This is most important in food. A meal made completely of white foods such as steamed fish and white sauce, mashed potato and cauliflower does not look attractive, and children as well as dults notice this. Green and yellow vegetables, sauces and garnishes can be used to advantage to add color to the plate. A sprig of parsley placed on the centre of a serve of potato makes all the difference, as well as adding extra vitamin and mineral content to the dish.

A colorless pudding, such as Spanish Cream, junket or ice cream is much more inviting if garnished with chopped red jelly or a red cherry, or served with a brightly colored fruit or sauce.

Texture. A meal should not be entirely soft nor entirely crisp. Something crunchy served with soft foods, such as celery with creamed chicken, gives a good variety of texture.

Temperature. Hot food is appertising for winter meals, and salads and cold desserts are more enjoyable in summer. Always remember to serve hot food hot, and cold food cold.

Variety. Monotonous meals can spoil the most robust appetite. The same food should not be served the same way day after day, and it is also better not to have set dishes for certain days of the week.

Mealtime Atmosphere. All worries and disagreements should be forgotten during meals. A peaceful and calm atmosphere should prevail, in which they are eaten comfortably, without the fear of rushing.

Congenial surroundings are important, too. There is nothing so refreshing as to sit down to a pleasant, well served meal with your family, and to have a clean tablecloth, fresh flowers and sparkling silver and glassware.

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STEAK WITH MUSHROOM SAUCE

Ingredients:
1 4 oz can mushrooms
1 tablespoon chopped onion
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons flour
1 cup undiluted evaporated milk
½ teaspoon salt
Pinch paprika
1 tablespoon chopped parsley

Method:

Cook until thickened. Add parsley. Pour over grilled steak and serve with potato chips, grilled tomatoes and green peas.

CURRIED FISH ROLLS

Ingredients:
4 fillets fish (any kind)
Chutney
A few peppercorns; pinch herbs
1 level tablespoon butter
1 slice of lemon
6 tablespoons water
1 slightly rounded tablespoon of plain flour.
½ level teaspoon of salt
Pinch of pepper
1½ to 2 level teaspoons of curry powder
½ cup undiluted evaporated milk
½ cup water
1 cup rice
Lemon and parsley

Method:

Spread fish fillets with a little chutney. Roll and secure with a toothpick. Place in saucepan wih pepper corns, herbs, water and lemon. Cover and simmer for 15 minutes or till fish is tender. Melt butter, add flour, salt and curry powder. Stir till smooth; cook for one minute. Add evaporated milk and water stir till sauce boils and thickens. Drain liquid from fish rolls and add to curry sauce. Taste; add more salt and pepper if necessary Flavour with lemon juice. Arrange cooked fish fillets in hot dish and pour over hot curry sauce. Serve with freshly boiled rice Garnish with lemon and parsley. Serves 6 to 8.

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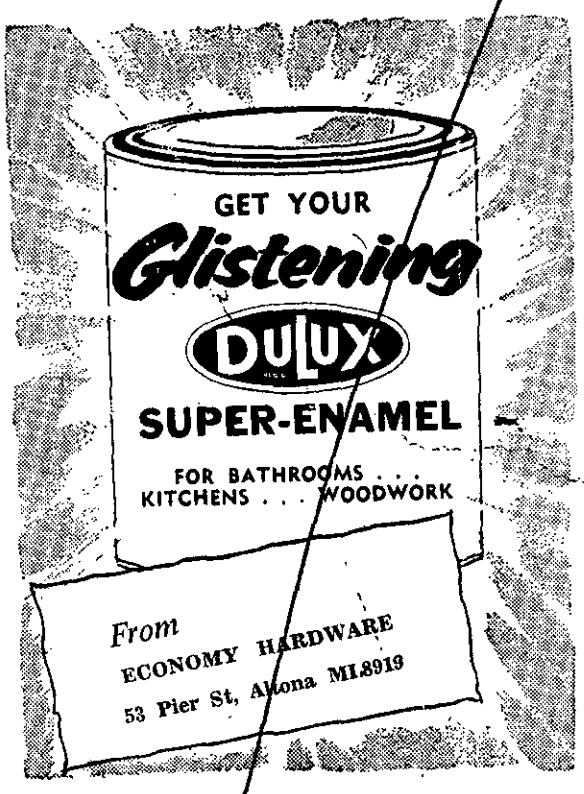

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Motorist Fined After Train Crash

At Williamstown Court last week, Mr. P. J. O'Connor, S.M., fined Josef Laska, butcher, of Lot 738 The Broadway, North Altona, £10 with £2/15/- costs for failing to stop at a railway crossing when a train was visible. He was represented by Mr. Hart.

Maurice Henry Gilland, of Dickinson Street, Glenroy, said he was the driver of the train from Altona to Newport. He blew the whistle at the whistle board, 440 yards from the Maddox Road crossing and again near the crossing. About 20 yards away he could see the front of a van looming up in front of him. He blew the whistle again, put on his brakes, but the van kept coming and he hit it. He carried on for another 60 yards before pulling up. The train would be doing about 25 mph when the van hit it. He did not see the driver as people were taking the injured into a house when he got back.

Daniel James Sheedy, meat grader, of 152 Market Street, Newport, said that about 2.05 p.m. on March 31 he was driving his car in a northerly direction in Maddox Road facing the line. He heard the train whistle and stopped his car. He then saw a van coming towards him, the driver did not appear to look either way for trains. He watched him crossing over the first set lines and on the second set when the train hit him. He saw the driver later. He identified him as the defendant. His head was bleeding and there was also a small boy hurt.

Constable G. Hyde said he interviewed the defendant on April 16, 1962, at his home. He told him he did not see the train as the sun was in his eyes, but when he was on the crossing he saw is and tried to go faster but the train hit him. Both he and his son were injured and the van was completely wrecked.

Laska said in the witness box that the road was bumpy as he approached the crossing and he slowed down into second gear about 20-25 mph. The sun was shining in his eyes, nearly blinding him, it was approximatley 2.00 p.m. The first time he looked to the right he could not see anything and was on the line when he looked again and saw the train close. He tried to get across quickly but could not it.

Mr. Hart submitted that the charge said the train must be visible to the driver and that in this case it was not because of the sun.

Mr. O'Connor said the bench could not accept the defendant's statement that at that period of the afternoon while travelling in that direction he could not have seen the train if he had kept a proper lookout. If it had been sunset they may have accepted it but not at that hour.

Laska admitted a previous conviction in October, 1959, for driving over a school crossing when children were on the crossing, and also for driving through a stop signal.

Mr. Hart told the Court his client had learnt his lesson as he was almost killed and his van wrecked.

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MOTOR CYLIST FINED ON THREE CHARGES

Frank Pirritano, of 18 Almond Avenue, Brooklyn, was fined on three traffic charges at Williamstown Court this week.

Pirritano, a motor cyclist, was

Pirritano was fined £5 for riding without a licence; £5 for having a pillion passenger when he had not been licensed for 12 months and £5 for neither he or his passenger were wearing safety helmets.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH VAGRANCY

Gladys Muriel Egan, of no fixed place of abode, was charged at Williamstown Court on Wednesday with vagrancy in that she had insufficient lawful means of support on July 4.

First Constable D. Studley, of Newport, said that at 3.30 a.m. he went to the Newport Railway Station and saw defendant sleeping on the platform. She told him she had walked from Essendon and thought she was at the Essendon station. She had £1/0/9 on her, but had nowhere to stay and no money in the bank or any pension.

Egan told the Court she was to stay with friends but was let down and set out to walk to the Essendon station. She became lost and walked miles before reaching a station and it was so late she stayed there waiting for the trains to start running.

She had received sickness benefits but they were finished now and she had applied for unemployment benefits.

Defendant admitted a prior conviction but denied three others read to her.

Mr P. J. O'Connor, SM, said he would adjourn the case for four weeks to give her a chance to find somewhere to live, as her case was not the usual run of vagrancy and she was a most intelligent woman.

Driver Hits Milko

DRIVER LOSES LICENCE AFTER HITTING MILK-CART

At Williamstown Court last week Rodney William Frankel, of Parkside Crescent, Seaholme, was charged with failing to keep his vehicle as close as practicable to the left hand side of the carriageway, and with failing to have his vehicle under proper care and control.

Frederick Clark, milkman, of Arthur Street, Braybrook, said that on April 1, 1962, he was driving his milk-cart in Millers Road, North Altona. He saw a car coming around the S bend and kept his eye on it, but it made the bend safely, then as it got closer it swerved towards him. He had a boy on the cart with him and grabbed him and endeavored to jump off. The car hit the milk-cart.

Constable N. Campbell told the Court that at 5.30 a.m. on April 1 he went to the scene in Millers Road, near Cyclamen Avenue, North Altona. The defendant told him he was driving south when his car suddenly swerved over to the wrong side of the road and he collided with the milk-cart. When asked how it happened he said he must have gone to sleep. He was doing about 35 mph at the time.

He was fined £10 for failing to have his vehicle under proper control with £2 costs and his licence was suspended for two months.

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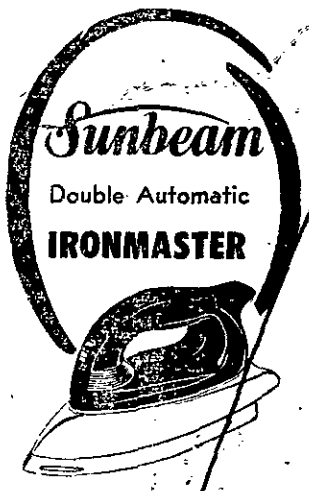

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In 1950, the non-communist world consumed 2,285,000 tons of rubber, of which only 580,000 tons, or little more than one quarter, were produced synthetically. By 1961, however, the consumption of synthetic rubber had increased three-fold to 1,825,000 tons, which was more than half the total consumption of 3,375,000 tons of rubber in the non-communist world.

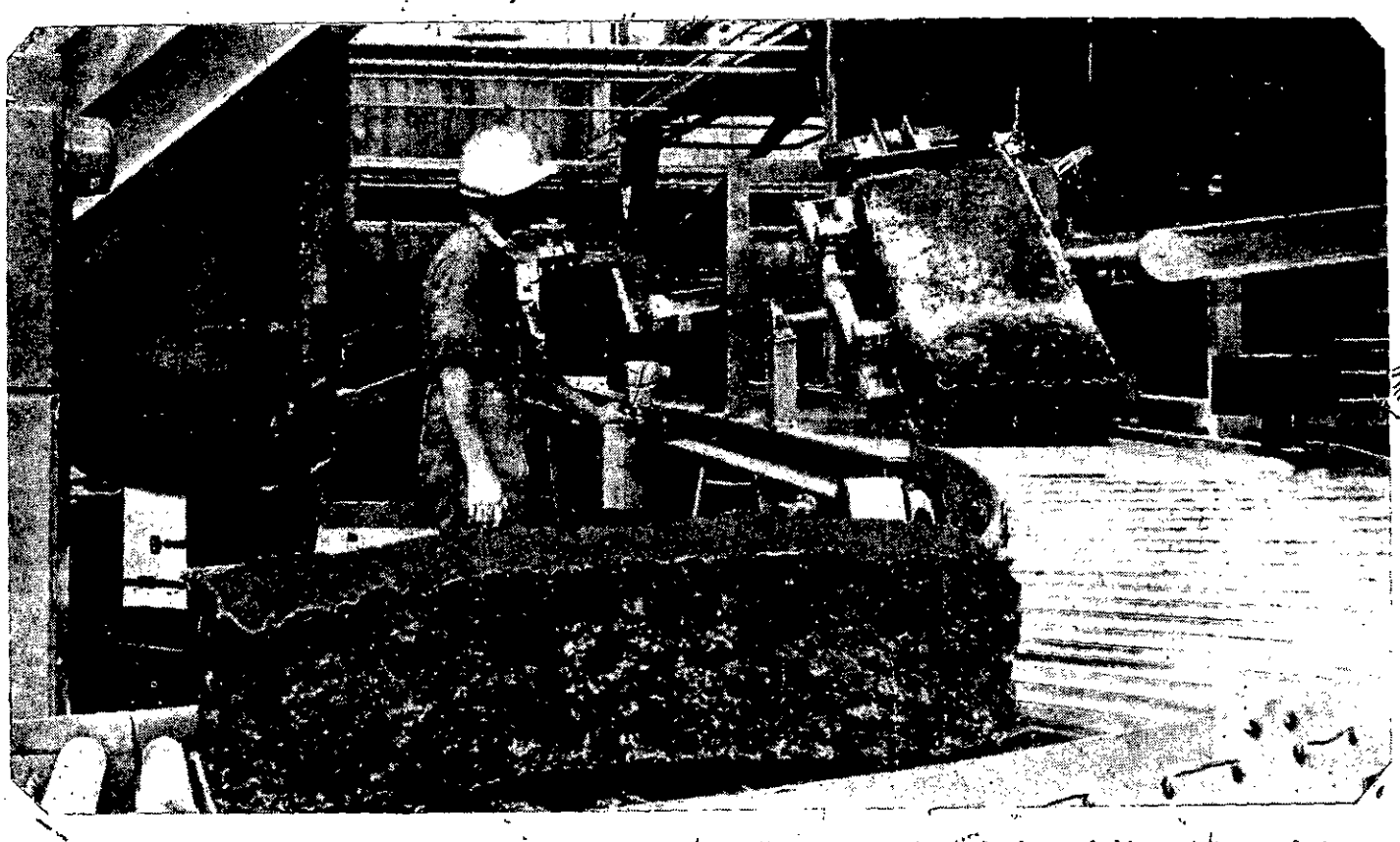
Although consumption of natural rubber fell from 1,705,000 tons in 1950 to 1,550,000 tons last year, consumption of the natural product is expected to remain reasonably static over the next decade.

The consumption of synthetic rubber, however, is expected to increase considerably.

It is estimated that by 1970 synthetic production will be supplying more than two-thirds of the world's requirements of rubber. The synthetic product already has a greater share than two-thirds of the market in the United States. Last year the US used 1.5 million tons of rubber and 72 per cent. was supplied by synthetic production.

In Australia about 40 per cent. of the rubber consumed is synthetic and, until last year, when Australia's first synthetic rubber plant began production, every pound of raw rubber had to be imported.

In 1960, the last year that this country had to rely entirely on imports, 62,500 tons of rubber, including 25,500 tons of the synthetic product, were obtained from overseas.



Rew synthetic rubber, compressed into bales, is delivered from the production line ready for packaging ar d shipment to manufacturers.

Feed Stocks From Refineries

Australia's entry into the field of synthetic rubber production was made possible, as were other ventures into the manufacture of petrochemicals, by the establishment of and Australian oil refining industry. Refineries provide the feed stocks from which petrochemicals are made.

Australian Synthetic Rubber Co., which operates Australia's first synthetic rubber plant, began producion in October last year. The plant, which cost £5 million, is part of the £28 million petrochemical complex at Altona.

Australian Synthetic Rubber was originally owned by Vacuum Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Co. Oil Co. (70 per cent.) and the (Australia) Ltd. (30 per cent.). When the recent re-organisation of Standard - Vacuum group of companies was completed their interest was evenly divided between Mobil Oil Australia Pty. Ltd. and Esso Standard (Aust.) Pty. Ltd.

The ASR plant manufactures synthetic rubber of the styrene-butadiene type commonly known as SBR. The plant has a capacity of 30,000 tons a year, or 37,000 tons with the addition of extending oils to rubbers designed primarily for automotive tyres.

SBR is made by chemically reacting liquid styrene with the gas butadiene. Butadiene is received by pipeline from the adjacent Altona Petrochemical Co. where it is manufactured by decomposing an oil feedstock obtained from the Altona Refinery. Styrene comes by pipeline from the plant of C.S.R.C.-Dow Pty. Ltd. where it is made from benzol and ethylene which is also obtained from APC.

The process of manufacturing synthetic rubber begins with the introduction of the raw materials styrene and butadiene, and ends with the packaging of 80 lb. bales of SBR. The key to the whole process is the polymerisation of the monomers styrene and butadiene which produces an elastic polymer. Depending on the amount of blending required the complete process may take from 12 hours to three days.

The monomers styrene and butadiene are pumped from the storage tanks in controlled portions into a chain of reactors to be mixed under the control of chemical additives. A soap solution keeps the various components thoroughly mixed while they are constantly agitated under pressure. The monomers react under the treatment and the cream-like rubber polymer "latex" is formed. A refrigeration plant cools the reaction process to ensure that the mixture does not get hot and spoil the rubber.

The latex recovered from the reactors still contains some unreacted styrene and butadiene. The excess quantities of butadiene are "stripped" from the latex in a "vacuum flash" drum and returned to the storage tanks. The unused styrene is evaporated in a 70 ft. steam "stripping tower" which dominates the plant's sky-line.

The stripped latex is then blended in storage tanks. Special oils are introduced at this stage for some types of SBR, and an anti-oxidant chemical is also added to prevent the rubber from deteriorating when stored. After passing through the reactor and recovery sections the latex is in the form of an emulsion with water, soap, and other materials. This emulsion is curdled or coagulated by the addition of brine and sulphuric acid and is then poured into a tank where is is violently agitated to form crumbs which are ¼ in. to ¾ in. size floating in a milky liquid

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There are two separate lines of coagulation equipment so that two blends may be handled at the same time. The rubber crumbs are filtered from the liquid, washed and re-filtered. An endless metal belt then takes the wet crumbs through two steam heated driers three times to remove all the moisture. The dried out crumbs are then pressed into 80 lb. bales by a pnuematic press, dusted with talc to prevent the bales from sticking together, or wrapped in polythene film, and packed in cardboard containers. The packaged bales are stored in the finished product warehouse until they are ready for shipment to the manufacturers of rubber products.

The finished product compares favorably with natural rubber in most respects. However, SBR is cheaper than comparable grades of natural rubber and is not subject to seasonal fluctuations, thus ensuring that the price of SBR is stable the whole year round. It may also be "tailor" made to the rubber goods manufacturer's requirements.

Today, tyre manufacturers combine SBR with natural rubber to benefit from the merits of both.

Some other types of synthetic rubber are superior to the natural product in physical properties. Neoprene and nitrile rubbers, for example, are unrivalled for their resistance to oils, chemicals, heat, oxidation, ageing and weathering. These types of synthetic rubber, known as special purpose rubbers, are not yet made in Australia.

Synthetic rubber is not altogether a product of present day technology. The quest for synthetic rubber virtually dates back to 1826 when Michael Faraday made a chemical analysis of tree rubber and reported the empirical formula C5H8. Many attempts to produce synthetic rubber were made before the first world war, but scientists met with little success. The product obtained in experiments was either unsatisfactory because of physical shortcomings compared with natural rubber, or it was obtained at a cost prohibitive to commercial production.

Research in Germany was intensified during the first world war when that country was practically cut-off from supplies of natural rubber. A method of making synthetic rubber from dimethyl alcohol was discovered and Germany produced 2,350 tons of "methyl" rubber. But, when the war ended, the German synthetic product could not compete with the vastly superior natural rubber and production ceased.

Interest in synthetic rubber revived during the 1930's and research in polymer chemistry in the United States led to the commercial production of oil resistant rubber of the neoprene type. In 1940, world synthetic rubber production amounted to 42,000 tons.

The second world war greatly accelerated the growth of the synthetic rubber industry. The United States Government sponsored the large development of synthetic plants when the natural rubber producing areas of South-East Asia were cut off by the Japanese. Between 1942 and 1945 the United States manufactured 1.4 million tons of GR-S (Government rubber, styrene type).

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Around The Town

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Most Novel Costume: Mr. N. Charles as a Hen.

The Hamper was won by Edith Parks C/- D. York, yellow ticket No. E34.

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ST. EANSWYTHE'S YOUNG WIVES

The Young Wives Group of St. Eanswythe's Church of England are pleased with the growing attendance and enthusiasm shown by it's members.

A Kraft food afternoon has been arranged for Tuesday, July 17, at 1.30 pm., and as this will be of interest to every housewife all are welcome.

Afternoon tea will be included in the donation of 3/-.

For any lady interested in joining this group, meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 8.00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

80th. BIRTHDAY OF MRS. NORA TWENTYMAN

A pleasant surprise party was held at the residence of Mrs. H. Blair last Saturday afternoon to celebrate the 80th. birthday of Mrs. Nora Twentyman.

Among the guests were many old residents of Altona who spent a delightful afternoon exchanging reminiscent anecdotes ranging back over 40 years of Mrs. Twentyman's domicile in Altona.

Also present were members of Mrs. Twentyman's family and all her grandchildren who found "Nana's Day" a special cause for celebration.

A special message, accompanied by a large bouquet of flowers, was received from the Altona Tennis Club with which Mrs. Twentyman, as a life-member, had been associated for many yers.

In reply to a speech by her eldest grandson, Mr. Roger Blair, Mrs. Twentyman said that now that she had negotiated 80 years successfully, her next goal is the receipt of the "Queen's Telegram."

Many of her young friends who have admired her sagacity and humerous philosophy have no doubt that this ambition will be more than adequately fulfilled.

25th. WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Last Saturday, to celebrate their 25th. wedding anniversary, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Bonehill, of Altona, entertained friends at a dinner-party at the Central Hotel, and afterwards at a happy gathering in their home.

During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Bonehill were presented with a cake and a Ranleigh Tray by friends who work with Mrs. Bonehill.

Helping their parents to celebrate their anniversary were Geraldine and Michael Bonehill.

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LOCAL WOMAN ON TV SHOW

A party of Altona ladies visited HSV7 studios to watch Larry Nixon record the "Lady for a Day" show, which was televised last Monday.

One of them, Mrs. V. Timms, of Seves Street, Altona, was successful in being picked to take part in the actual "Lady for a Day" contest.

Although she was not the ultimate winner, Mrs. Timms and her friends thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

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COUPLE FOR SYDNEY

Geraldine Bonehill and Max Sherry, Ten-Pin Bowling enthusiasts, are off to Sydney on Friday to watch Mrs. Pearl Sullivan and Mr. David Green represent the Footscray Bowl in the Brunswick National Singles Championship. This is the first Ten-Pin Bowling National title to be held.

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Protest Meeting [Cont.]

very well. Five years ago Williamstown had tried to annex all of Altona, east of Millers Road, to gain the refinery, but had failed. Under the Local Government Act they had to wait three years before making a further attempt. In this case they were successful in getting the area bounded by the Railway line and Kororoit Creek.

As no ratepayers had expressed willingness to transfer to Williamstown, he felt some pressure group must have been active to induce the Minister to agree to the annexation.

In only 5 years great progress had been made in the development of Altona Shire. "In a few years Altona would become a model City in Melbourne," claimed Cr. Cresser.

Question Time

During Question Time many good questions and points of view were put forward by ratepayers. In answer to one question, Cr. Bond said there was no right of appeal against the Minister's decision. The only recourse was to apply for annexation of the land from Williamstown and to register a strong protest against further annexations. In answer to another ratepayer who suggested that Altona should go further and have a bite at Williamstown for a change, Cr. Lee said that Altona Council was only concerned in getting back the area which was rightfully Altona's. To try and annex part of Williamstown would be contrary to the principle Altona was fighting for.

Asked why so much money was spent on developing the area if there was any doubt about the result of Williamstown application, Cr. Bond said the result of the application was a great surprise to the Council. After a lapse of nearly 2½ years and no ratepayers signifying a desire to transfer to Williamstown, the Council had assumed that the area would remain in Altona. Six months prior to the annexation a considerable amount of money was spent on drainage and Altona Council had to find the money before the C.R.B. would carry out the work.

Another ratepayer said there had been talk of further nibbles by Williamstown. He asked if there were any grounds for these suspicions. Cr. Lee said there had been no other applications as yet but as this one had been so easy, it was natural to assume there would be others. Williamstown had previously tried to get the refinery and it was well known that this was the ultimate goal. Another ratepayer commented that this small nibble brought Williamstown a step nearer to the refinery.

The next ratepayers asked if the Council had obtained the views of the ratepayers in the area annexed. Cr. Lee replied that the Shire Secretary had been asked to contact the people concerned. When the ratepayer said that he had not been contacted, Cr. Lee said he would look into the matter.

Mr. A. J. Fisher suggested that the Council should challenge the legality of the Minister's action. The Minister may have gone beyond the powers of the Local Government Act as no ratepayers had approved the annexation. The chairman, Mr. D. Ramsey asked the ratepayer to put this in the form of a motion at the end of question time.

As the meeting had proved so successful, a ratepayer suggested that similar meetings be held periodically. Mr. Ramsey said this may not be a good idea as regular meetings tended to attract less and less people. There was also a great deal of work and expense involved.

Mr. Fisher then put his motion that "The Council of the Shire of Altona seek Legal Advice on the Minister's Decree of Annexation to Williamstown, of a portion of the Shire of Altona, even though it entails expense by the Council. That a further meeting be convened to hear the legal aspects and that the Hon. R. Crick, M.L.A., the Hon. G. R. Garrett, M.L.C., and the Hon. G. L. Chandler, M.L.C., be invited to attend. The motion was carried unanimously.

The motion by Mr. W. Groome was then put as follows: "This Meeting of Ratepayers, Altona Municipality, whole-heartedly condemns the action of the Minister for Local Government in granting annexation of the land from Altona to Williamstown.

"The Ratepayers fully endorse the action taken by the Altona Council and declare that any annexation of land can only take place by the self-determination of Ratepayers and not by application for simple take-over and hereby demand the return of this land."

An addendum by Cr. Hearn was added and which read—"And further that our Parliamentary Representatives be approached to assist the Council to regain the area already annexed, and in future to work to prevent further land grabs by any bordering Municipality." Cr. Hearn said that as Altona was part of the Southern Province Electorate, and Williamstown was not, the Hon. Members Garrett and Chandler would be put to the test. The motion was carried unanimously.

It was suggested that the meeting be held in the North Altona Youth Centre and a representative of the Youth Club said that it would be arranged.

On closing the meeting, Mr. Ramsey said he was delighted at the attendance and support given. A collection to defray expenses resulted in just under £5. Mr. Ramsey thanked the Altona Life Saving Club for the use of the Hall.

Councillors present were G. den Dulk, A. Bond, W. Lee, W. Cresser, S. McIntyre, V. Hearn and W. Irwin.

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